

UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES
Case Study (Domestic)

Decision: [†]Barter Island

Date:

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Case Name: Barter Island vs. Kaktoavik

State: Alaska

County: ~~Fourth Judicial Division~~

Source:

Lat. 70 ° 08 ' " N

Long. 143 ° 40 ' " W

Source: (1)

Sec. T. R.

Meridian Source:

Description: an island on the Arctic coast east of, and larger than,
Arey Island.

Source: (1)

[Arey Island - work card]

1944 decision augmented[description
revised, notes
added]

Not: Kaktoavik Island, Kaaktoavik, Nooboo's

Reason for choice of name:

There seems to be no real reason for changing the Board's 1944 decision since all sources use the name Barter Island and have no collective name for the group made up of Barter, Arey, and probably one other island, except the Coast Survey chart 9400 which uses the group name, Barter Islands, and calls the largest by its Eskimo name, Kaktoavik, instead of Barter! ^(1,2) Kaktoavik as a Not should be added to the old decision however. *Lat. changed.*

AAF charts edited by Coast Survey also use Barter Islands (13, 14)

(Leffingwell, Stuck, and Stefansson all spent some time in the area and Leffingwell mapped it for the Geological Survey)

1950 - see change in Coast Survey usage on recent sources (1a)

CR-3 - 1942

Submitted by: Inquiries Section (Wm Byington)

Date: 11/4/47

Prepared by: Fallon 1947

Date:

Recommended by: Baron

Date: 9/15/50

Passed by Advisory Committee:

Date:

Approved by:

Date:

(over)

Mimeo. list ~~date~~: 20/

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Evidence:

- (1) Kaktoavik I. 1944-45 U.S. Coast Survey chart 9400
[BARTER ISLANDS]
- (1a) Barter I 1947-50 U.S. Coast Survey chart 9410
- (2) Kaktoavik I 1947 U.S. Coast Survey chart 9400 (6th ed.)
[BARTER IS]
- (3) Barter Island 1926 U.S. Coast Survey Pilot, Alaska, Pt. II, p. 332
- (4) Barter Island 1938 U.S. Coast Survey Pilot, Alaska, Pt. II, p. 457, 458
- (4a) Barter Island 1947 " " " " p. 597
- (5) not mentioned 1946 U.S. Coast Survey, Supplement to Alaska Pilot, Part II.
- (6) Barter island 1940 Brit. Adm., Bering Sea and Strait Pilot, p. 297-8
- (7) Barter 1919 USGS Prof. Paper 109, by E. deK Leffingwell, p. 93
and map "Barter; island, Franklin, Leffingwell. A tundra island near the 144th meridian. This island was named Point Manning by Franklin, but local usage has changed the name. Franklin's Barter Island is called Arey Island on the writer's map. Eskimo: Kaktoavik, "seining place". Stefansson spells it Kaaktovik."
- (8) Barter Island 1920 Hudson Stuck, Winter Circuit of Our Arctic Coast, map and pp. 295, 304, 307, 309, 314, 329
- (9) Barter Island 1943 V. Stefansson, The Friendly Arctic, New ed., map and pp. 671-672
- (10) Barter Island 1944 BGN decision
- (11) Barter 1906 Marcus Baker, Geographic Dictionary of Alaska:
"Barter; island, near Camden bay, on the northern coast of Alaska, about longitude 144. So named by Franklin, 1826, on account of the annual trading carried on there between the natives. The Eskimo name is said to be Nooboo'a."
- (12) Barter Island 1942-3 AAF Aeronautical Chart, 1/1M, no. 62
- (13) [Barter Islands] 1945-6 AAF Aeronautical Chart, 1/1M, no. 62
Kaktoavik Island
[Arey Island]
- (14) Barter Island 1945 AAF Preliminary Base, 1/500, no. 62 A & D
Kaktoavik I.
[Arey I.]
- (15) Kaktoavik I. 1944-6 Can. Dept. Mines & Geology, Nat. Topo., 1/506, sh. 117 SW 25E
- (16) Barter Island 1828 Sir John Franklin "2d Expedition," v. 2, p. 146, 147 (y. 7,
Franklin does not say he named the island at least in this report).

(17)

There is lack of uniformity in the application of the name Barter Islands or Barter Island to islands off the Arctic Coast of Alaska, east of Camden Bay, as follows:

- 1) Barter Islands is applied to the group or chain lying approximately from long. 143° to 144° , to the westward of Martin Point, on chart 9400 and the 1934 Post Route Map.
- 2) Barter Island is apparently applied to the largest island of the group, approximately long. $143^{\circ}40'$ W., on

USGS 1:1,500,000 map, 1941 reprint; Rand McNally Map of 1941; Baker, 1906; Alaska Coast Pilot, II, pages 457/8; "Porcupine River" aeronautical chart, 1941. Chart 3094, 1898, also has Barter Island, but on this source its shape and location are different, with center near long. 144° .

This largest island is KAKTOAVIK ISLAND on chart 9400.

Baker has the following:

"Barter: island, near Camden Bay, on the northern coast of Alaska, about long. 144° . So named by Franklin, 1826, on account of the annual trading carried on there between the natives. The Eskimo name is said to be Nooboo-a."

The Coast Pilot speaks of a trading post on Barter Island, and also places it about 45 miles east-northeastward of Flaxman Island.

Chart 9400 applies the name AREY ISLAND to the fairly large island west of the Barter Island of the other sources. This name and Kaktoavik Island of chart 9400 are apparently subsequent to Baker, who lists neither of them.

Baker also lists a Barter River debouching in Camden Bay at Barter Island, near long. 144° . He also mentions this name under Hulahula River, the later being defined as the more westerly of the two principal rivers between Barter and Turner Rivers, near lat. 143° . Barter River might be the Sadlerochit River of chart 9400 and other sources.

Submitted by C & G Survey

Date

Card by L.H.

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(18) Barter Island

1944 Bgn dec. $70^{\circ}10'143^{\circ}40'$ - same as (10)

(19) Barter Island

1950 Gog. $70^{\circ}08'143^{\circ}50'$